

Taliban Destroy Highway Bridges, Cut Off 3 Afghan Provinces

KABUL, Afghanistan - The Taliban have destroyed highway bridges southwest of Kabul during a wide-ranging assault on security forces, cutting off road traffic between the capital and three provinces, officials said Sunday. Interior Ministry spokesman Najib Danish said Afghan security forces repelled the attack but that gunbattles are still underway. He said at least six Afghan police, including a district police chief, were killed in the fighting. A provincial official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief reporters, said at least 10 police were killed. The official said the Taliban attacked a number of remote checkpoints, and that the toll could be much higher. Abdul Rahman Mangel, the provincial governor's ...*(More on P4)...(11)*

Balkh Legends Beat Kabul Zwanan by 8 Wickets in APL 2018

SHARJAH - Balkh Legends beat Kabul Zwanan by eight wickets on Saturday night in the second day of Afghanistan's Premier League of Cricket (APLC) in Sharjah. The Sussex pair - Laurie Evans, 64, and Rashid Khan, 56, - helped take Kabul Zwanan to 176-6 in their allotted 20 overs, having at one stage been 32 for 3. Mohammad Nabi 2-20 was the pick of the Balkh Legends bowlers. In response, the Balkh Legends (who were without Chris Gayle, who was playing for Jamaica in the WINDIES Super50 Cup) were assisted by Essex pair, Ryan ten Doeschate, 78, and Ravi Bopara, 38, to a comfortable win by eight wickets, with an over to spare. Usman Ghani had earlier hit a quick fire 40. The APLC is a new, five-team Twenty20 competition which kicked off on Friday, and will be played in Sharjah over the course of the next three weeks. *(Tolo news)*



A Dozen Policemen Among 16 Killed in Taliban Attacks

MAIMANA/ZARANJ - A dozen policemen, three insurgents and one woman have been killed in clashes in northwestern Faryab and Nimroz provinces, officials said on Sunday. Mohammad Tahir Rahmani, a member of the Faryab provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News the militants attacked a security check-post in the Arab Aqsai area Pashtunkot district late Saturday night. Ten policemen manning the post and a woman in nearby house were killed, he said, adding that four other police personnel were wounded during the overnight clash. Nazar Mohammad, a local police commander, criticised higher-ups for not sending additional forces to the area. No serious action was taken to support the policemen, he alleged.



Dilawar, who had lost his brother to a recent clash with militants in Kohistan district, said his only son was also killed in the Arab Aqsai battle. In Nimroz, three militants and two policemen were killed in a firefight triggered ...*(More on P4)...(12)*

Wardak Battle: Power Supply to 4 Provinces Cut off

KABUL - Power supply to four provinces has been cut off as a result of a clash in the Syedabad district of central Maidan Wardak province, the power utility said on Sunday. Da Breshna Shirkat Department said in a statement electricity supply to Paktia, Maidan Wardak, Ghazni and Logar provinces was snapped due to the firefight in between the security forces and Taliban in Syedabad. The power utility said it was striving to dispatch engineers and necessary technical equipment to the site for repairs soon after permission is granted. Asif Niazi, the Breshna Shirkat head for Paktia province, confirmed to Pajhwok Afghan News

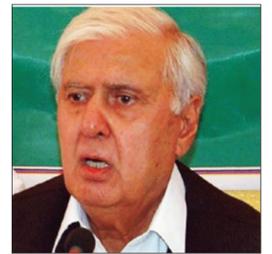


the electricity imported from Central Asia had been off since 6:30am. "When we informed central authorities; we were told fighting is going on in Maidan Wardak. As a consequence, the electricity supply has been suspended," Niazi said, adding 2,500 families had been deprived of the facility in Maidan Wardak. In the past, too, electricity supply has ...*(More on P4)...(13)*

Sherpao Calls for Removal of Af-Pak Trust Deficit

ISLAMABAD - A senior Pakistani politician has asked Islamabad and Kabul to step government-to-government and people-to-people contacts for peace in the region. Quami Watan Party Chairman Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao alleged on Saturday that voice of moderate Pakhtuns on both sides of the border was being stifled under a sinister conspiracy. Speaking intellectuals, academicians and journalists, he linked peace in Pakistan with restoration of stability in Afghanistan. Effective steps were needed for the removal of the trust deficit between the

neighbours, he believed. Sherpao stressed the need for strengthening contacts with Afghanistan at all levels to resolve bilateral issues. He said peace was a prerequisite for development of the region. *(Pajhwok)*



Syedabad Police Chief Killed in Taliban Assault

KABUL - The Syedabad district police chief has been killed in a Taliban attack in center Maidan Wardak province, an official said on Sunday. Sharifullah Hotak, a member of the provincial council, told Pajhwok Afghan News that hundreds of militants stormed the district centre late on Saturday night. He said the district centre fell to rebels, who left later on. Several policemen, including the district police head, were killed in the overnight clash, Hotak added.

But Abdul Rahman Mangal, the governor's spokesman, denied the fall of the district centre. He believed said both sides suffered casualties during the firefight. He, however, was unaware of the death of the police chief. Meanwhile, police spokesman Hikmatullah Durrani said reinforcements had arrived in the district. He confirmed the killing of police chief Syed Zarab Shah Hashimi. He said the Kabul-Kandahar highway reopened after several hours of closure. *(Pajhwok)*



Outlook Horoscope

Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)



It could be that you're trying to communicate with someone in a matter regarding love and romance and it simply isn't working. You're apt to feel like you need a translator in order to get your message across. Both you and your partner need to share responsibility for making sure that the lines of communication remain open. Be practical yet sensitive in your approach.

Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)



This is a fantastic time for you for love and romance, Taurus, even if there's a bit of coolness between you and the person you care about. It's possible that there needs to be an element of distance now for you to really appreciate the good thing you have. If you aren't involved with someone now, you should find that you're in a good position.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)



It's one thing to be a friend and it's another to feed someone's ego just to make him or her happy, Gemini. Make sure that you aren't telling someone lies just because you know that that is what he or she wants to hear. A true friend is someone who is honest at all times, even if it means that you may temporarily hurt that person's feelings.

Cancer (June 21-July 20)



It's critical that you not try to gain the love and appreciation of another by controlling their decisions, Cancer. It's time to let the people around you set their own rules and boundaries. Give that special person space to decide what's best, then you can take action accordingly. It may be that you discover things about this person that you probably would never have known if you called all the shots.

Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)



You might need to put on the brakes today when it comes to love and romance, Leo. Don't think that this means you have to break off any sort relationship that's in the works, but realize that you may need to take a more realistic approach to how you handle it. The problem is that you may be getting so caught up in the fantasy of things that you aren't tending to practicalities.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)



Things should be going quite well for you today, Virgo, and you will find that aspects of your life that may have felt disconnected in the past are finally slipping into place. Have faith that all your painstaking planning and organizing is finally going to pay off. This is especially true in love and romance. Spend intimate time with a close partner tonight.

Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)



Restriction and discipline might not be your forte, Libra, but realize that this may be exactly the type of thing that you need the most. Try not to expend your energy in too many directions. Focus and channel your efforts into the things you consider the most important. Make sure that most of your day is spent tending to these things.

Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)



Appreciate the good things you have today, Scorpio. Don't let another day go by without really paying homage to the people who've helped you grow along the way. Take a walk. Climb a tree or help a child build a tree house. Connect with your spiritual side that finds satisfaction in where you are now instead of always feeling a need to search for something bigger and better.

Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)



When it comes to matters of love and romance, you may need to tone things down a bit, Sagittarius. An aggressive approach now may drive your loved one further away from you instead of drawing him or her closer. Remember that love is a two-way street. Don't just do things the way you'd like to do them. It's crucial that you consider your partner's thoughts and feelings every step of the way.

Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)



You may find that your love is incredibly magnetic now, Capricorn. All you need to do is be yourself and suddenly people flock your way. There are terrific opportunities for you to strengthen the bonds you have with the people you care about the most. Solidify your relationship with soft romantic words and actions.

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

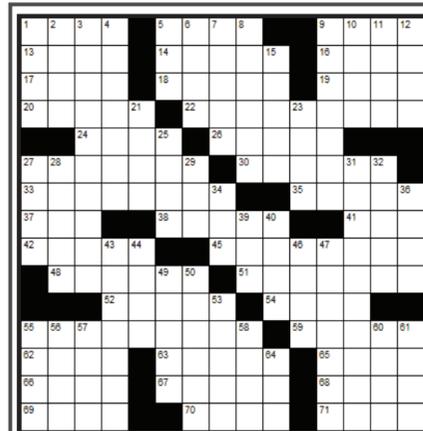


Consider taking a more conservative approach to your actions today, Aquarius, as well as to the way you dress. Others may be rather put off by something that comes across as too flashy. Fashion is apt to be a significant concern for you now, which is fine. Don't underestimate the power of personal appearance.

Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)



Romantic relationships may not exactly be going as well as you'd like, Pisces, but don't get discouraged. Hang in there and you will find that things eventually come around your way. You may need to strengthen your internal sense of confidence, since it's doubtful that you will get much support from interactions with the people around you.



Across

- 1. Flat float, 5. Hens make them, 9. Young bears, 13. Dwarf buffalo, 14. Exhausted
- 16. Rectal, 17. South American country, 18. Rink, 19. Tropical tuber, 20. Decorative jugs,
- 22. Inactivity, 24. Violent disturbance, 26. East African country, 27. Small Californian fish,
- 30. Unbending, 33. More alone, 35. Hello or goodbye, 37. Barley bristle, 38. Scallions, 41.
- Japanese apricot, 42. Oceans, 45. Not a molar or incisor, 48. Doze, 51. Bearing, 52. Subarctic coniferous forests, 54. Welt, 55. Elephant, 59. Tricks, 62. Balm ingredient, 63. An analytic literary composition, 65. Connecting point, 66. The thin fibrous bark, 67. Shop, 68. Gloat, 69. Utilized, 70. Picnic insects, 71. Song of praise,

Down

- 1. Sexual assault, 2. Afresh, 3. Predecessor, 4. Like a bull, 5. Estimated time of arrival, 6. Prepare for action, 7. Hellenic language, 8. Detects, 9. Marsh plant, 10. Two-toed sloth, 11. A lyric poet, 12. Blackthorn, 15. Faze, 21. Dirt, 23. Tropical American wildcat, 25. Hard work
- 27. Happy, 28. Propelled with oars, 29. Born as, 31. Mandatory, 32. Not our, 34. Confederate soldier, 36. Orderly, 39. Catnap (British), 40. Flat-bottomed boat, 43. Marijuana user
- 44. Go to and fro, 46. End, 47. Unswerving, 49. Factions, 50. Excrements, 53. Malicious burning, 55. A Maori club, 56. "What a shame!", 57. Make do, 58. Shopping place, 60. Anagram of "Dome", 61. Stitched, 64. Aye,

Yesterday's Solution



attic, beginner, blew blush, brawl, capon cheer dole, draft drive, editor, egotistic elope, emote, ended essay garden, gate-house, hares, harsh ideal, indeed, lodge melee nestle

